

Ella Wheeler Wilcox ON:

"The Night Refuge"—A Worthy Cause That Every Millionaire Should Be Glad to Aid—It Shelters 20,300 in a Year.

By ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

THE wealthy men and women of New York have given four million dollars to the Young Women's Christian association.

This money will be well used, and will help thousands of women in all parts of the United States and will benefit those who come here from other lands.

Meanwhile it is to be hoped that the moneyed people of America, and especially of New York, have not exhausted their generous spirit in this gift.

There are other worthy causes needing their spare dollars. For instance, there is Little Miss Osborne and her "Night Refuge," at No. 141 West Fifteenth street.

Miss Osborne says in a circular sent out recently:

"Fondling out our fifth year, I offer earnest thanks to God who has helped me to do much good; who has inspired so many generous friends to help us, and who humbly and fervently thank all our friends and pray God's choicest blessing may reward all who have helped or who ever will help to keep St. Mary's door open for the poor whom it is our joy to serve. All money given is spent for the poor. It passes through our hands from the donors to those in need."

The Refuge is in Fifteenth street, with a backyard adjoining. Here the latchkey is out in all seriousness.

Women Truly Sheltered.

Women are sheltered from storm, hunger and the despair that means death, and during these hard times of the past two years and more men also are given food and clothing.

One night in January a man rang the bell; with him were his wife, who was enceinte, and a little girl of seven. They had been evicted for non-payment of rent and had wandered through the street until all hope was gone. A policeman sent them to the Refuge.

The wife and little girl were taken in, and the man was given food and comfortable clothing. The little family of three were absolutely respectable people—good habits—but the husband

was without work. With his family sheltered and himself garbed once more like a deserving man, he found work, and after two or three weeks set up his household gods again—the wife and little girl remaining in the meantime at St. Mary's.

The Night Refuge report, 1912-1913, says:

"During the last year 20,300 poor were sheltered and fed; 225 pairs of shoes and rubbers distributed; 600 articles of clothing given; 275 baskets of food provided; 60,000 meals given to poor mothers and 130 children sheltered and fed, besides 45 respectable, destitute families provided with coal, provisions and furniture."

The Night Refuge is at No. 141 West Fifteenth street. It is free to homeless women. No questions are asked. Open at all hours. Neither notes from patrons nor money needed to secure food and bed.

Miss Osborne says, "We welcome every one who comes, unless a woman is disorderly or very much under the influence of liquor—especially women whose cruel husbands have driven them from home. Offenders are asked to leave. Our work is free from red-tape and it is our daily struggle to keep it so. The Refuge was founded in 1887 by Susan M. Osborne."

Miss Osborne, who herself is a Roman Catholic, takes all denominations to her home and helps all alike.

Deserves Encouragement.

She has given her life to this work and deserves every encouragement that can be given her.

It would be a gracious act of real Christianity if the Young Women's Christian association would send her a thousand dollars out of the lordly amount they have received. They could not put it to better use.

The cold and difficult season of the year is on.

The Night Refuge will need help that it may bestow help—Copyright, 1914, by the Star Company.

(Articles by this noted writer are regular features of The El Paso Herald.)

We write as well start kissing now.

I think this is awful cute, and Ma. Read us some more, doctor. So the doctor read:

"I cannot think my love is dead and gone. I seem to see her, standing in the dawn. The sun is shining on her golden head. I cannot think my love is dead and gone. She seems so near, so very near my side. I cannot think my love has went and died."

The doctor read a lot more of poems like that, and after he was gone Ma. lifted and said to Pa: "It is a good thing that Doc Wellington is a better doctor than he is a poet, or there would be a lot of deaths around here."

"That is often the case, Ma. I have known men and women that were really splendid in their line, but they were always wanting to be something else, the same as old Joe Jefferson, the state actor, thinking that he should have been a painter instead."

"Yes, that is so, and Pa. You know Doc Wellington is one of the finest poets that ever wrote, the big reason he has become wealthy at the practice of medicine, and has saved thousands of lives, but I never knew him till yesterday. He had a big bunch that he can write poetry, he is going to bring some of the pieces he wrote over to the house to read, and Pa. I suppose I will have to listen to them. I wish there was some way that I could stall out of it, but I fear there isn't a chance."

Just then Pa's friend Doctor Wellington came. He is our family doctor, and he never said anything before about writing poetry, so Pa. & Ma. & we all listened when he had sat down and was smoking and started to read his poetry.

I am only a little boy but I can tell befores he had read very many lines that he wouldn't no poetry riter. This is the first piece he read:

"When Babylon was all in bloom Before it had to meet its doom A prince and princess met one day And just to pass the time away There in the sunset glow a dim He kissed her cheeks and she kissed him."

The prince and princess are no more. They were buried in the dust of yore. But, oh, my sweetheart, do not you think I am that Babylonian king And you the princess that he kissed Out in the evening's gentle mist? If this here theory you'll allow,

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The Two Sisters

By Virginia Terhune Van De Water.

CHAPTER XXX.

FOR a second after she saw Delaine awaiting her, Julia Marvin felt a strong impulse to turn and hasten in the opposite direction. Calm second thought told her such a move would be foolish. Delaine had seen her and knew she had recognized him. She walked on and when she came abreast of the man, tried to pass him with a slight inclination of the head, but he was not so easily snubbed. He lifted his hat and, making no sign, lifted his hand, fell into step at her side. His first words and the embarrassed manner in which he spoke them, checked Julia's rising indignation.

"I really want to speak to you, Miss Marvin, or I should not have taken this cab. I am not a socialist, but I am not a capitalist either. I am a human being, and I want to speak to you as a human being. I am not a socialist, but I am not a capitalist either. I am a human being, and I want to speak to you as a human being."

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shabby green benches derelict hulks of humanity were stranded. The two chose a spot in the shade and sat down. Delaine came to the point without any preliminary hesitation.

"Miss Marvin," he said bluntly, "I wish that we could be friends—you and I. I'm not a socialist, but I'll be honest if I can see why the fact that we both work for our living should stand between us and friendship. To be perfectly frank—I have liked you ever since I first saw you. The other day I spoke to you the more you interest me. I don't put aside your rules and scruples in this case and let us just be pleasant conventional acquaintances. For the life of me I do not understand your reason for avoiding me so persistently. I am not a socialist, but I am not a capitalist either. I am a human being, and I want to speak to you as a human being."

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her face paled suddenly. She passed a trembling hand over her eyes. "I don't feel very well," she faltered. "I think I will go home now."

"You don't go by yourself when you look like that," asserted Delaine. "Poor child, you are as white as a sheet. Let me take you in a cab."